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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1 through 3 were pending in the Application. The Examiner rejected all claims. Applicant traverses the rejections below.

I. Traversal of the Rejection over the Cited Art

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,923,756 to Shambroom in view of a passage from the Schneier book "Applied Cryptography". Applicant traverses this rejection below.